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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 17, 2004, Applicants elect the Species of Figures 7A-7E without traverse. Claims 1-6, 10-19, 26-32 and 34 are believed to read on the Species of Figures 7A-7E.

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